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Sir:

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The Examiner is requested to consider carefully the complete text of these references in connection with the examination of the above identified application in accord with 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(a). It is believed the Examiner will concur with Applicants' belief that the subject matter presently claimed is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the foregoing references. Examiner is requested to indicate his consideration of the foregoing items by initialing, signing, and dating the accompanying PTO-FB-A820 and then returning a copy of same to the undersigned.

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